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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Tazawa Fumio et al.)	
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Filed: June 13, 2006)	Confirmation No. 5004
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For: DEVELOPER SUPPLY CONTAINER)	
AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS:)	June 25, 2007

Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also attached. The concise explanation of relevance of the attached Japanese patent is found at page 3 of the application and in the attached English Abstract thereof. In addition, U.S. Patent no. 6,185,401 corresponds to the Japanese patent.

FORMAL MATTERS

Applicants submit that no fee is due since a first Office Action has not been issued. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		6,978,107	12/20/05	Nagashima et al.	399	262	
		6,934,492	08/23/05	Hiura et al.	399	258	
		2005/0135842 A1	06/23/05	Murakami et al.	399	262	
		6,278,853	08/21/01	Ban et al.	399	109	
		6,049,685	04/11/00	Murakami et al.	399	263	
		6,185,401	02/06/01	Kanamori et al.	399	262	
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
		11-194600	07/21/99	Japan			Abstract
OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
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